

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 236

By Black

A RESOLUTION in recognition of the 22nd Annual Celebration of
"National Tourism Week" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the travel and tourism industry is one of America's largest service exports providing a trade surplus of \$5.5 billion last year, and it is one of the nation's largest employers with a total of 17 million jobs, which is one in every eight people; and

WHEREAS, including the \$83.5 billion spent in the United States of America by international visitors, travel and tourism generated \$528.5 billion last year, providing \$93.2 billion in tax revenue to local, state, and federal governments; and

WHEREAS, the travel and tourism industry supports the vital interests of Tennessee and Sumner County, contributing to our employment, economic prosperity, international trade and relations, peace, understanding, and goodwill; and

WHEREAS, travel and tourism ranks as one of Tennessee and Sumner County's largest industries in terms of revenue generated; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, travelers visiting Sumner County contributed over \$67 million to the local economy, with \$4.3 million in state tax revenue and \$1.57 million in local tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, travel and tourism provided employment for 740 people in Sumner County, generating a payroll of over \$13 million; and

WHEREAS, committed professionals, the members of the Sumner County Convention & Visitors Bureau promote the historic sites and attractions, Old Hickory Lake, and Sumner County as year-round destinations for leisure, business, and group travel; and

WHEREAS, as people around the world become more aware of the outstanding cultural and recreational resources available in Tennessee and Sumner County, the travel and tourism industry will become an increasingly important aspect in the lives of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, given these contributions to the economic, social, and cultural well-being of the citizens of Tennessee, it is fitting that this body recognizes the importance of travel and tourism; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby join with and heartily applaud the good people of Sumner County as they observe the 22nd Annual Celebration of National Tourism Week in Sumner County, May 7 through May 15, 2005.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.